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346 MAIN STREET  
Reisterstown, Maryland.

Private

346 Main Street is a small house in the Queen Anne style of ca. 1885-1900, a very late expression of the small house containing a single parlor in the front and the kitchen in the rear wing. Now adapted in commercial use, its exterior detail is simplified, its original front porch is removed and its walls are covered with asphalt imitation ashlar.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

346 Main Street

6th

CITY, TOWN

Reisterstown

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Baltimore

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

**CATEGORY**

☒ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☐ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE

☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☒ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☐ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Ensor

Telephone #: 833-0062

STREET & NUMBER

4612 Prospect Ave.

CITY, TOWN

Glyndon

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21071

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Baltimore County

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

Towson

CITY, TOWN

Maryland

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

BA-1235

**7 DESCRIPTION**

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED      DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

346 Main Street is a small two storey frame house of the Queen Anne style dating from ca. 1885-1900. Its detail has been simplified, its east front porch removed and its exterior walls covered with asphalt material of an ashlar design. Windows are generally 2/2, flanked with louvred blinds. The front portion of the house is two bays in length and a gable centered in the roof contains a 12/1 window. The southerly bay contains a show window and shop entrance and the northerly contains a modern door but it is probably the original principal entrance. A two storey bay window is in the south end with narrow double windows in its south side, and narrow single ones in the perpendicular east and west sides. The bay window's second storey walls rise from a splay above a small cornice and the horizontal cornice across the gable breaks out over the bay window to form its roof. A two storey gable roofed rear wing extends behind the northerly part of the house and a lower two storey shed-roofed wing extends behind or west of the taller wing. A one storey shed-roofed addition across the south side of the entire west wing is probably an enclosed rear porch.

Within, a square entrance hall in the northerly bay contains the staircase which rises with a quarter turn to the second floor. Its balustrade is original, having a moulded rail supported by square newels with large ball finials and applied rosettes, and turned balusters rising above a closed string. Openings are trimmed with corner block architraves, original to the late nineteenth century. A single parlor is south of the hall, now refinished as a shop. The second floor plan is similar and details are simpler. The rear wing was not accessible for inspection.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		local history	

## SPECIFIC DATES

## BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Originally part of the tract Brotherly Love belonging to John Reister. At his death, Henry Wiest, a son-in-law, divided the property into building lots and sold them off. This portion of the property, on which #346 was eventually built, was sold to Peter Trine in 1805 (WG 88/566-567). From Trine it went to Samuel Harryman in 1810 (WG 110/433/34). Several more transactions ensued and eventually James Warren purchased the land in 1851. (HMF 5/125-127). Warren, a blacksmith, had also purchased the Reister Tavern the year before.

In 1865, Warren sold the land to Theodore W. Baseman (JHL 45/108) for \$750.00.

One year later, Baseman sold it to Jacob Everhart for \$900.00. Both deeds mention improvements, but these buildings no longer exist.

In 1871, the Everharts sold to John Mallone. The price had risen to \$1275.00. (EHA 70/325).

Mallone defaulted on his mortgage payments and the Reisterstown Building Association foreclosed in 1875. Eventually the property was sold to Edward Wheat in 1876 for \$758.00. Again buildings are mentioned, but they are not the current one. (JB 95/119)

Wheat apparently died and his only heir, Margaret S. Wheat, living in Virginia, sold the property to George Moszner in 1879. (WMI 115/472). The cost then was \$675.00.

George Moszner and his wife held the property until 1892. It was they who probably built the little house we see today. When they sold it, it was to Lorena Yingling for \$1000.00. (JMB 197/72)

From 1892-1920, the property passed from hand to hand through wills. Lorena Yingling willed it to Katherine V. Conrad (WJP 15/199) who by her will devised it to Emma Jane Yingling (WJP 17/501) for life and upon Emma's death to Blanche Y. Winter and Athalia Weikert Yingling. In 1920, Athalia Weikert Yingling and Blanche Y. Winter sold the property to Ernest M. Fisher and his wife (WPC 521/182).

The Fishers kept the property four years, devising it to Winfield Hobbs in 1924. (WPC 602/151)

(see Continuation Sheet #1)

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Mr. Hobbs and his wife sold the property in 1946 to Earl F. Gill and wife.  
(RJS 1442/333)

In 1959, Robert S. Knatz, Jr. and his wife, Orvalee, purchased the property from the Gills. (WJR 3565/108)

In 1973, a joint ownership ensued. Blair E. Keiter and his wife owned half the property and J. Mitchell Dickerson of Kansas the other (EHK, Jr. 5362/950). The Keiters bought the other half in six months and became sole owners. (EHK Jr. 5402/302)

In 1978, the Keiters sold the property to Lawrence E. Ensor and his wife, Zelma. (EHK, Jr. 4/28/78)

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land Records Baltimore County Courthouse Towson, Md.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 1/4 acre**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY James T. Wollon A.I.A.**NAME / TITLE Pat Cosman, Volunteer Researcher  
Cornelia M. Ives, Project Coordinator

9/78

ORGANIZATION

Historic Reisterstown, Inc.

DATE

833-3078 (Ms. Ives)

STREET &amp; NUMBER

430 Main Street

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

Reisterstown, Maryland 21136

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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